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Renee Gledhill-Earley Environmental Review Coordinator North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office 4617 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-4617

RE:

Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project, Durham and Orange Counties, North Carolina, ER 12-0378, Submission of Section 106 Preliminary Assessment of Effects for Historic Properties Report

Dear Ms. Gledhill-Earley:

This letter continues the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 process for the proposed Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) project (an "Undertaking" pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(a)(1) and 800.16(d)).

The attached Section 106 Preliminary Assessment of Effects for Historic Properties for Durham-Orange Light Rail Project, Durham and Orange Counties, North Carolina report was prepared in compliance with CFR 800.4 and 800.5. It includes FTA's preliminary assessment of the project's potential to have effects on 25 historic properties previously identified within the project's Area of Potential Effects and provides the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) with the opportunity to review the FTA's preliminary finding of No Adverse Effect.

Triangle Transit and the FTA are in the process of preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement. FTA is requesting your consultation and concurrence with their effects findings within 30 days of receipt of this letter and the attached report.

Please contact Stan Mitchell with FTA Region IV at (404) 865-5642 or via email at stanley.a.mitchell@dot.gov, or Carrie Walker at FTA Region IV at (404) 865-5645 or via email at Julia.walker@dot.gov, if you have any questions about the attached documents.

FTA and Triangle Transit look forward to continued consultation with the SHPO to address its concerns related to potential impacts on historic properties as part of the NEPA process.

Regards,

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Enclosures: Section 106 Preliminary Assessment of Effects for Historic Properties for Durham-Orange Light Rail Project, Durham and Orange Counties, North Carolina

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